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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masumi Sakai

Attorney Docket No.: SMDZP106
(0800239.0129)

Application No.: 09/779,125

Examiner: A.C. Lavarias

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Group: 2872

Title: FURNACE-TYPE ATOMIC ABSORPTION
SPECTROPHOTOMETER

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 CFR §1.114)**

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
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 - ii. ☐ Affidavit/Declaration
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 - iv. ☐ Other _____.

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

Fee for Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)	\$750 =	750.00
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- ☒ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time.
- ☒ b. Applicant believes that no additional extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SMDXP106).
- ☒ c. Enclosed is our Check No. 7898 in the amount of \$1,680 to cover the RCE fee, extension of time and additional fees.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SMDZP106)

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